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2. The following is the legend to the sketch of Zmeynyy Island on page 4:

1. Lighthouse and signal station with the characteristics EFF.
2. Radar of unusual size and shape. This radar resembled a large mortar mounted on a low, massive gun carriage and elevated 45-50 degrees. The radar was continually in motion. It moved at a uniform speed and completed one full revolution every 30 seconds. When the mouth of the "mortar" was turned toward the observer, a large rotating rectangular frame was clearly visible. (See sketch No. 2 on page 4.) The radar was situated 20-30 meters south of the lighthouse and could be seen from a considerable distance. It was painted black or some other dark color.

3. Two naval-type radar apparatuses on tall lattice towers. The towers were north and south of the lighthouse and were equidistant from it.

4. Two pairs of radio antennas, which apparently were located on the western side of the island.

5. these two installations were artillery emplacements.

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5a. Artillery emplacement with guns of medium caliber. no machine gun emplacements on the island.

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6. About 40 buildings, almost all of which resembled barracks or storehouses. With the exception of some men who were seen near the lighthouse, no military personnel were observed.

3. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] on the southern, eastern, and western sides of the island there were no naval facilities, such as piers, tidal basins, slips, or landing stages. [redacted] not exclude the possibility that these facilities were skilfully camouflaged.

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[redacted] All ships in the vicinity of the island were kept under close observation. The Soviet naval personnel at the signal station watched [redacted] closely through binoculars. MIG-type jet aircraft were twice observed in flight over the island area. No airfield was observed on the island.

4. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] large ice packs some distance south of Odessa. The ice was moving in a southwestern direction.

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[redacted] Eventually, a rough sea broke up the ice. At 2230 hours the ship floated free. The pilot boarded at 2300 hours. With the help of a

5. [redacted] 25X1

6. Soviet and satellite ships had free access to the port. Every other vessel had to anchor in the roads and await the pilot, who invariably arrived at night, even if the berth at which the ship was to moor was unoccupied earlier. Ships usually departed from port during the night.

7. There were five electric cranes on the coal pier. Each crane had a capacity of 10-12 tons. The coal pier was served by two standard-gauge railroad tracks. There were water outlets on the pier. The bollards were about 25 meters apart. Visibility was limited by the many high piles of coal in the vicinity. [redacted]

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[redacted] In this harbor there were ships loading coal and mixed cargo. Above the coal piles, the yardarms of the former training vessel DUNAY were visible. This ship apparently was being used as living quarters.

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8. [] the city of Odessa lay under a deep snow, and the cold was severe. The city presented a desolate appearance. On the streets [] military personnel, most of whom were sailors. The fact that many of the sailors were very young led [] to believe that there was probably a naval training school in the area. There was almost no automobile traffic. In two hours [] saw three automobiles. The city was poorly illuminated. There were no brightly lit shops and no well-stocked stores. Food and clothing were obviously scarce. [] did see some cotton goods in the store windows, but no jewelry was on display. []
 [] A pair of women's shoes, made of the cheapest material [] 430 rubles. A meter of printed cotton material was 90 rubles, and a pack of black-market American cigarettes, 12-14 rubles. Food prices were not displayed. [] the average worker made a gross salary of 1,000 rubles a month. The dock workers [] eagerly accepted offers of food and other necessities when they were sure that they were not being watched by the guards. 25X1
9. [] Purchases could be made only at the International Club, with coupons which had been signed by the ship's captain. [] the English language Daily Worker, and other Communist publications were the only papers available in the spacious reading room of the Club. There were propaganda posters and photographs on the walls. [] pictures of Lenin and Stalin, but [] no pictures of Malenkov or other Soviet leaders. The Soviets [] refused to express any opinions on the Beria case. 25X1
10. [] in the Dardanelles two 2400 GRT Soviet merchant ships of the CHIATURY type [] were sailing east, loaded with troops. The vessels carried no armament. They were probably on scheduled passenger runs between Durres and Odessa. 25X1

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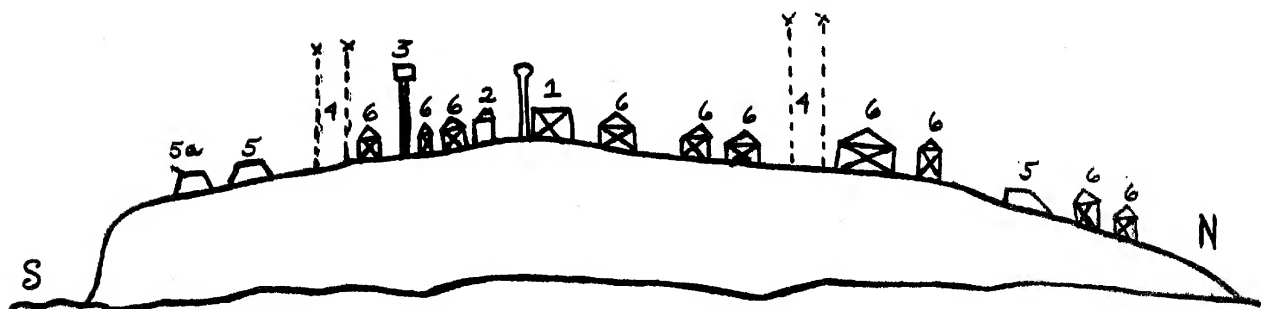
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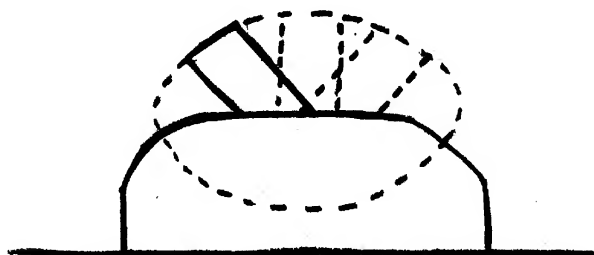
SKETCH NO. 1

Zmeynyy Island , Bearing 250 Degrees



SKETCH NO. 2

Mortar-type Radar on Zmeynyy Island



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